

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JOE BARNETT**, on January 12, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Joe Barnett, Chairman (R)  
Rep. John L. Holden, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Ralph Lenhart, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Paul Clark (D)  
Rep. Rick Dale (R)  
Rep. Bill Eggers (D)  
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro (D)  
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)  
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Rep. Rick Jore (R)  
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)  
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)  
Rep. Sam Rose (R)  
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Bob Story (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
Joyce Bankhead, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 51, HB80, HB130 Posted  
1/6/99

Executive Action: HB51, DO PASS  
HB80, DO PASS  
HB130, DO PASS

**HEARING ON HB80**

**Sponsor:** REP. JOHN COBB, HD50, explained the bill which revises laws governing state lands to remove provisions declared invalid.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.9 - 6.3}

**Proponents:** BUD CLINCH, Director of DNRC.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.3 - 7.4}

**Opponents:** NONE

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

Rep. Rose to Bud Clinch; Rep. John Cobb; Tommy Butler, Trust Lands Attorney **EXHIBIT**(agh08a01).  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.4 - 10.5}

Rep. Story and Rep. Rose to Tommy Butler  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.5 - 16.1}

**Informational Witness:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.1 - 17.1}

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. John Cobb closed the Hearing on HB80.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.1 - 17.7}

**HEARING ON HB51**

**Sponsor:** REP. HAL HARPER, HD52, explained the bill which changes the dates on meetings and reports for the Drought Advisory Committee.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.7 - 21}

**Proponents:** BUD CLINCH, Director of DNRC. **EXHIBIT**(agh08a02).  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21 - 22.1}

**Opponents:** NONE

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** NONE

**Closing by Sponsor:** REP. HAL HARPER closed the Hearing on HB51.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.1 - 22.5}

**HEARING ON HB130**

**Sponsor:** REP. BOB STORY, HD24, explained the bill which extends the Waste Pesticide and Pesticide container program.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.5 - 24.8}***

**Proponents:** WILL KISSINGER, Deputy Director of Dept. of Ag representing Ralph Peck, Director. **EXHIBIT**(agh08a03) and **EXHIBIT**(agh08a04)

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.8 - 26.9}***

BOB STEPHENS, MT. Grain Growers and Farmers Union

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.9 - 27.3}***

PAM LANGLEY, MT. Agricultural Business Assoc.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.4 - 30}***

Pam Langley testimony continued on Tape 1 Side B

**EXHIBIT**(agh08a05)

Written testimony submitted by Lorna Karn **EXHIBIT**(agh08a06)

**Opponents:** NONE

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

Rep. Adams to Pam Langley

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.7 - 3.3}***

Rep. Hedges to Will Kissinger and Gary Gingery, Dept. of Ag

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.3 - 5.3}***

Rep. Guggenheim to Gary Gingery and Pam Langley

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.3 - 9.2}***

Rep. Clark to Will Kissinger and Gary Gingery

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.2 - 13.3}***

Rep. Clark to Rep. Story

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.3 - 16}***

Rep. Dale to Gary Gingery

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16 - 17.1}***

Rep. Guggenheim to Gary Gingery

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.1 - 19.3}***

Rep. Holden added comments

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.3 - 20}**

Rep. Rose to Gary Gingery

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20 - 21.8}**

**Closing by Sponsor:**

Rep. Bob Story closed the Hearing on HB130.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.8 - 23.5}**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB130**

**Motion:** Rep. Rose moved HB130 DO PASS.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.5 - 24.2}**

**Discussion:**

Reps. Clark, Hedges, and Dale.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.2 - 30}**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously. 20-0

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 0.2}**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB80**

**Motion:** Rep. Masolo moved that HB80 DO PASS.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.2 - 0.8}**

**Discussion:**

Reps. Rose, Guggenheim, Dale, Holden, Barnett, Eggers, Hedges, Story, and Adams; also Todd Everts, answered committee questions.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.8 - 8.7}**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously. 20-0

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.7 - 8.9}**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB51**

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Masolo moved HB51 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously. 20-0

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.9 - 9.3}**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:05 P.M.

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REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman

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JOYCE BANKHEAD, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (agh08aad)